



## Editorial

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Hurrah for the judge in Michigan who awarded the family home to the three children of a newly divorced couple. A parent was to be in the home at all times. The parents, not the children, were to move back and forth from an apartment to the home of the children. The children were given the unique opportunity to remain in their own home. They would not be shuffled back and forth between the two parents' dwellings. They would remain in their own secure home environment and school environment and be with their own peers, their own pets, and their own toys. The children would be spared from the inconvenience of constantly living out of a suitcase and having an inconsistent daily, weekly, and monthly pattern of living.

Is it not time that other judges and responsible individuals begin to design and implement unique strategies for dealing with children involved in the middle of a divorce? For such a widespread problem, far too many narrow, traditional approaches are being taken to answer the question, "What do we do with the children?" The answer to that question should focus on, "What is best for the children?" In the aforementioned example the judge took a unique approach and did what was best for the children.

We extend our thanks to the judge. May this example be kept in our thoughts as we meet the challenge of today—to be the advocate of children.

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